Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

1. (currently amended)   A method for protecting files distributed over a network, comprising:

retrieving, at an administrative computer, a site map of folders and files within a server computer file system, the administrative computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled therewith;

displaying, by the administrative computer, ~~a~~ the site map ~~of folders and files in a server computer file system~~ to a user;

generating, by the administrative computer, protection status information in response to selection ~~by a~~ the user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;

sending the protection status information from the administrative computer ~~to a~~ the server computer;

downloading, by a client computer, at least one file from the server computer ~~to a client computer~~; and

copy-protecting the at least one file by copy-protection software running on the client computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying displays the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file in the site map, and wherein the method further comprises modifying protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein said sending sends modified protection status information to the server computer.

3. (original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising recording the protection status information in a protection status database.

4. (currently amended)   A system for protecting files distributed over a network, comprising:

a user interface within an administrative computer, for displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system, the administrative

5   computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled

6   therewith;

7   a protection status manager within the administrative computer,

8   for generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at

9   least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating

10   the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;

11   a transmitter within the administrative computer, for sending the

12   protection status information from the administrative computer to the server

13   computer; and

14   a copy-protection module residing on a client computer, copy-

15   protecting at least one file downloaded from the server computer to the client

16   computer if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information

17   as being protected.

1   5. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein said user interface

2   displays the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file

3   in the site map, and wherein the protection status manager modifies protection

4   status of at least one of the files, and wherein said transmitter sends modified

5   protection status information to the server computer.

1   6. (original)   The system of claim 4 further comprising a database manager

2   recording the protection status information in a protection status database.

1   7. (currently amended)   A method for protecting files distributed over a

2   network, comprising:

3   retrieving, at an administrative computer, a site map of folders

4   and files within a server computer file system, the administrative computer being

5   remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled therewith;

6   displaying, by the administrative computer, a the site map of

7   folders and files in a server computer file system to a user;

8   generating, by the administrative computer, protection status

9   information in response to selection by a the user of at least one of the files in the

10   site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files

11   selected by the user as being protected files;

12   sending the protection status information from the administrative

13   computer to a the server computer; and

14	encrypting at least one file on the server computer, if the at least
15	one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected.

1	8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 further comprising, in response
2	to a request from a client computer to download an unencrypted file residing on
3	the server computer, transmitting an encrypted file to the client computer instead
4	of the requested unencrypted file, if the requested unencrypted file is designated
5	by the protection status information as being protected.

1	9. (previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising decrypting
2	the encrypted file by decoding software running on the client computer,
3	subsequent to the client computer receiving the encrypted file from the server
4	computer.

1	10. (previously presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the at least one file on
2	the server computer is at least one image file.

1	11. (previously presented) A system for protecting files distributed over a
2	network, comprising:
3	a user interface within an administrative computer, for displaying
4	a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system, the administrative
5	computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled
6	therewith;
7	a protection status manager within the administrative computer,
8	for generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at
9	least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating
10	the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;
11	a transmitter within the administrative computer, for sending the
12	protection status information from the administrative computer to the server
13	computer; and
14	an encoder for encrypting at least one file on the server
15	computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information
16	as being protected.

1	12. (previously presented) The system of claim 11 further comprising a file copy
2	protector on the server computer controlling the server computer to transmit, in
3	response to receiving a request from a client computer to download an

4 unencrypted file on the server computer, an encrypted file instead of the requested

5 unencrypted file, if the requested unencrypted file is designated by the protection

6 status information as being protected.

1 13. (previously presented) The system of claim 12 further comprising a decoder

2 residing on the client computer, decrypting the encrypted file received by the

3 client computer from the server computer.

1 14. (previously presented) The system of claim 11 wherein the at least one file on

2 the server computer is at least one image file.

1 15. (currently amended) A method for protecting files distributed over a

2 network, comprising:

3 retrieving, at an administrative computer, a site map of folders

4 and files within a server computer file system, the administrative computer being

5 remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled therewith;

6 displaying, by the administrative computer, ~~a~~ the site map ~~of~~

7 ~~folders and files in a server computer file system~~ to a user;

8 generating, by the administrative computer, protection status

9 information in response to selection by ~~a~~ the user of at least one of the files in the

10 site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files

11 selected by the user as being protected files;

12 sending the protection status information from the administrative

13 computer to ~~a~~ the server computer; and

14 in response to a request from a client computer to download an

15 unencrypted file residing on the server computer, transmitting an encrypted file to

16 the client computer instead of the requested unencrypted file, if the requested

17 unencrypted file is designated by the protection statue as being protected.

1 16. (currently amended) A system for protecting files distributed over a

2 network, comprising:

3 a user interface within an administrative computer, for displaying

4 a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system, the administrative

5 computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled

6 therewith;

7 a protection status manager within the administrative computer,

8 for generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at

9   least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating

10   the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;

11   a transmitter <u>within the administrative computer, for</u> sending the

12   protection status information <u>from the administrative computer</u> to the server

13   computer; and

14   a file copy protector on the server computer <u>for</u> controlling the

15   server computer to transmit, in response to receiving a request from a client

16   computer to download an unencrypted file on the server computer, an encrypted

17   file instead of the requested unencrypted file, if the requested unencrypted file is

18   designated by the protection status information as being protected.

1   17. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the copy-protection

2   software running on the client computer blocks the ability to capture data of a file

3   being displayed on a computer screen.

1   18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17 wherein the file being

2   displayed is an image file.

1   19. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein the copy-protection

2   module residing on the client computer blocks the ability to capture data of a file

3   being displayed on a computer screen.

1   20. (previously presented) The system of claim 19 wherein the file being

2   displayed is an image file.

1   21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said generating

2   generates protection status information designating all image files within a folder

3   as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the folder.

1   22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said generating

2   generates protection status information designating all image files referenced

3   within an web page as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the

4   web page.

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein said protection status manager generates protection status information designating all image files within a folder as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the folder.

24. (previously presented) The system of claim 4 wherein said protection status manager generates protection status information designating all image files referenced within an web page as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the web page.

25. (currently amended) A method of protecting files distributed over a network, comprising:
retrieving, at an administrative computer, a site map of folders and files within a server computer file system, the administrative computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled therewith;
displaying, by the administrative computer, a the site map of folders and files in a server computer file system to a user;
generating, by the administrative computer, protection status information in response to selection by a the user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;
sending the protection status information from the administrative computer to the server computer;
receiving, by the server computer, a request from a client computer for data within a file that is designated by the protection status information as being protected; and
sending substitute data from the server computer to the client computer in response to the request.

26. (currently amended) A system for protecting files distributed over a network, comprising:
a user interface within an administrative computer, for displaying a site map of folders and files in a server computer file system, the administrative computer being remote from the server computer and communicatively coupled therewith;
a protection status manager within the administrative computer, for generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at

9   least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating

10   the at least one of the files selected by the user as being protected files;

11   a transmitter within the administrative computer, for sending the

12   protection status information from the administrative computer to the server

13   computer; and

14   a file copy protector on the server computer for controlling the

15   server computer to send substitute data to a client computer, in response to

16   receiving a request from the client computer for data within a file that is

17   designated by the protection status information as being protected.